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REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application in view of the present amendment is respectfully requested.

Claims 21, 29, and 30 are canceled. Claims 22, 23, 25, and 27 are amended. Accordingly, claims 22-28 and 38-47 are pending.

The Office Action states that claims 22-28 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims and complying with double patenting statutes. In this regard, claims 22, 23, 25, and 27 are amended. It is believed that each of claims 22-28 is in condition for allowance.

Allowance of claims 38-47 is hereby acknowledged.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance, and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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